



The Sword

Growing and learning together in Christ through worship, fellowship and service.

Your e-connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

March 13, 2014

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

+March 14-15, AWSM Women's Retreat

Wednesdays in Lent

Worship + Meal + Conversation

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Prayer Service (click [here](#) for Stations info), followed by optional Healing Prayer

6:30 p.m. Dinner (clergy will provide a salad, consider bringing something to share)

7:00 p.m. Conversation on seeking God & Prayer, (**OPEN to ALL**) or other small group conversations. Click [here](#) for more information.

From the Rector

The Rev. Patrick Raymond

Characters in Lent

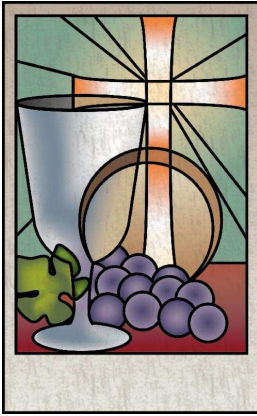
Over the next four Sunday's, we will meet four amazing characters in readings from the Gospel of John. This Sunday, it will be

Nicodemus (John 3:1-17) a learned clergyman who can't comprehend a metaphor. Then next week, the **Samaritan woman at the well** (John 4:5-42); then a



Artwork: "Jesus and Nicodemus",

**St. Michael's
Worship Times**



Sundays:
7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

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man blind from birth folk art from Cameroon, 1973,
(John 9:1-41) whom Jesus Mafa project.

Jesus heals; and then

Lazarus, whom Jesus raises from the dead (but before Lazarus, in the same story, his two sisters, Mary and Martha, friends of Jesus, who are grieving - John 11:1-45). These stories are lengthy! But all are full of rich narrative detail. Each one invites us to ponder features of our own lives, beliefs, decisions and struggles. Enjoy. Ponder. Grow.

Vestry Turns Focus on Family and Newcomer Ministries

Some key 2014 strategic issues identified by the Vestry include family ministries (those with children from birth through high school and their household members), newcomer ministries, and small group development. The Vestry meeting this coming Monday night, March 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m., will include opportunities for the Vestry to begin to chart a path for assessment and new development in the areas of Family and Newcomer ministries. About an hour at the start of the meeting will be concentrated on these ministries. All interested parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to be present (and all vestry meetings are open to any member).



It All Starts With: **WHY?**

Thrive Update - March

by Betsy Wintringer, Thrive Team Member

WHY? Why do we come to St. Michael's? Why do we do what we do? Last Saturday, St. Michael's Thrive team attended a thought provoking session where we were invited to think about those questions. To provide some grist for our conversation we were invited to watch a TED Talk video ([click to see it for yourself!](#)), by Simon Sinek. This talk has been viewed more than 15 million times! In this talk, Sinek contends that the most successful and vital organizations operate from a sense of **WHY** (our beliefs and passions) rather than **WHAT** (service, spirituality, fellowship) or **HOW** (the specific programs or processes). To illustrate his point, he uses examples which range from the Wright brothers



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Lent Resources

St. Michael's 'Household Prayer Calendar'

[Click here](#).

Print a copy for everyone in your household.

Preparing for Lent

[Click here](#).

The Lent App
Church Publishing
for iPhone & iPad
Suitable for all ages.

[Click here](#).

Lent Madness!

to Apple to Martin Luther King Jr. We hope you will take the time to watch the video and consider how his insights might impact St.



Michael's. This message resonated with the Thrive team and in subsequent



conversations we found ourselves wondering about St. Michael's **WHY** and the ways that relates to our spiritual vitality as a community. We plan to explore this further and invite you to join in the conversation too! Please join us at the next Food for the Journey on March 30th and share your thoughts on *What does spiritual vitality mean to you? AND, What should it mean to us as a congregation? What is our WHY?*

Food for the Journey: Sunday Morning Formation at 10:05 a.m.



Lent 2 Food for the Journey (March 16):

Fasting - a New Look at a Forgotten Way of Prayer

Three words from the Ash Wednesday gospel reading from the Sermon on the Mount surprised me and stuck with me: "*When you fast ...*" (Matthew 6:16) Jesus did not begin this teaching, "*if you fast.*" He said "*when you fast.*" He assumed that his hearers regularly fasted. The 'when' implies that fasting was a well-known and widely-practiced spiritual discipline, a common part of the life of prayer. My Ash Wednesday curiosity has led to some further exploration. I'll be pleased at Sunday's FFJ not only to share what I'm learning but also to hear the stories and questions of others about fasting. *Patrick+*

Special Guest Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Ken Stiff will be joining us this Sunday for the 9:00



Who will win the golden halo?
[Click here.](#)

**Lenten
 Kids Korner
 Activities**



- [Pretzels for Lent](#)
- [The Lent Song](#)
- [Lent Word Search](#)
- Last Week:
- [Crown of Thorns](#)
- [Lent Calendar](#)
- [Lenten Prayer Box](#)

a.m. service. He is a retired educator and school administrator who spent 33 years teaching and working with youth in District 214 schools. Dr. Stiff taught physical education and health education, is a certified and licensed Athletic Trainer, and he coached baseball and football. As a school administrator, Dr. Stiff specialized in logistical planning and school emergency management. As Associate Principal and Dean of Students Dr. Stiff worked daily with students to solve problems at school, at home and in the community. Dr. Stiff joins the Camp Chicago Leadership Team this year and brings with him a love of the outdoors, many years experience camping, hiking, fishing and boating, a passion for working with youth, as well as a strong faith in Jesus Christ and the Episcopal Church.



From the Youth Minister

Kara Baker

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Greetings Youth & Parents,

Last week was an incredibly busy week with the beginning of Lent. With Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday services, Solemn Communion, and the Invitation to Lent, there was a LOT of activity at St. Michael's. Now it's time to focus on the Season of Lent. A time of reflection and contemplation leading up to Holy Week and Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

Again I ask you to join me in the invitation to feed the hungry during Lent. Any time that you come to church, please bring a canned good or snack food. Something that you might want to snack on yourself, and something relatively healthy. I have big baskets that we are going to fill with foods for those who are hungry.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 3/16 @ 9:00 a.m.-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 3/16 @ 10:45 a.m.-SMUSH Worship &

**School
 of
 Faith**

@ St. Michael's

**Small Group,
 BIG IMPACT**



There are a number of ways to participate in small groups this Lent. Consider investing some time in your life of faith.

Sign up now!
[Click here.](#)

Formation

UPCOMING: Click [here](#).

In the Parish Family

On The Move

Last Sunday we bid farewell to parishioners **Carol and Bob Erker**. They choose the perfect polar vortex winter to say goodbye to Barrington and hello to sunny Florida.



We also say farewell to **Janet & Kerry Nations** who will depart this week for Atlanta, Georgia.

Loving God, be with Carol, Bob, Janet & Kerry as they arrive, unpack, settle in and start in their newhomes. Grant them peace and many blessings in the years to come. Amen.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Julie, Tommy, Jean, Ed, Julie, George, Daria, Carrie, Carol, Brian, Dave, Donna, Dimetress, Cynthia, Lois, Rita, Chris, Melinda, Veronica, Brian, Paul & family, Amy, Rollo, Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry, safety & peace in South Sudan.

Did You Know?



You can listen to past sermons online? Most of our Sunday sermons are archived on our website. Click [here](#) and turn up

Wheelchair Needed

A St. Michael's family is in need of a light weight wheelchair for a larger individual. Please contact [Fr. Patrick](#) if you can help.



Lent Madness Update

Wow, what a great start to Lent Madness 2014! The Great saint (Basil) prevailed over the Astonishing saint (Christina). The ECW champion (Julia Chester Emery) pummeled the Ecumenist Missionary (Charles Henry Brent). The 8th century western-church deacon (Alcuin) prevailed over



The Golden Halo

your volume.

St. Patrick's Day March 17

Be Thou My Vision (Irish: Bí Thusa 'mo Shúile) is a ancient hymn from Ireland, which is commonly attributed to Dallán Forgaill. In *The Hymnal 1982* it is #488, *Slane*. Click [here](#) to listen to this ancient Irish hymn.



May God give you...
For every storm, a
rainbow,
For every tear, a
smile,
For every care, a
promise,
And a blessing in
each trial.
For every problem
life sends,
A faithful friend to
share,

the 4th century eastern-church deacon (Ephrem of Edessa). A 19th-20th century champion of education for African Americans (Anna Cooper) bested a scriptural saint (Joseph of Arimathaea). It's not too late to enter the Madness. As this weekly Sword is broadcast, there remain 10 first-round contests between the original 32 saints in the 2014 [bracket](#). Will J.S. Bach survive to perform variations on his opening round fugue, or be trounced by the other Great saint (Alfred)? Which Wesley brother will win, Charles or John? Plenty of opportunity remains to learn about unfamiliar saints and to learn new insights about familiar saints. It's not easy to choose which of two worthy and inspiring examples of faithful living we prefer. That's the devotional part of Lent Madness - and also something that drives some participants starkly nuts! Read the saints' bios, read or offer comments, and join the Global Lent Madness Viewing Public. Enjoy the mysterious Maple Anglican's videos. Follow your favorite Celebrity Blogger promoting her or his saints. It all plays out each weekday of Lent at www.LentMadness.org.

Out With the Old....In With the New



St. Michael's work room is now sporting a new look. After four + years of service and over a million copies we retired the Canon and welcomed the Toshiba. We can already see a great improvement in quality. Please let the staff know if you need assistance with using the new piece of equipment. Copy on!

Prayer Jars and Clothespin Crosses

Last Sunday we responded to an **Invitation to Lent**. The parish gathered in the Community Room for a multi-generational time of crafts and fellowship. At right is one

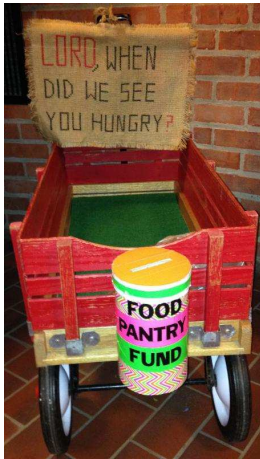
For every sigh, a
sweet song,
And an answer for
each prayer.

of the Prayer Jars created that morning. If you've never heard of one, a Prayer Jar is simply a collection of prayers on slips of paper, placed in a jar as a way to augment personal or family prayer time. Click [here](#) to see a photo montage of the mornings Lenten activities.



Little Red Wagon

(located in the front
foyer)



St. Cyprian Food Pantry will be our focus in March and April in collecting food for the needy.

In addition to regular supplies, specifically requested items are: au gratin potatoes, dried beans, canned tuna, ham, fruit,

Prayers for Peace in South Sudan

Week of March 11

Tragic figures from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) -South Sudan Crisis

Situation Report

+ 4.9 million - estimated people in need of humanitarian assistance.

+ 705,000 - people internally displaced by violence since December 15, 2013

Ongoing insecurity restrains road and river access to refugee camps in Maban County (within Renk Diocese), limiting availability of food. Tensions over scarce resources have flared between refugees and host communities in Maban.

Let us pray. Be present to the internally displaced people of South Sudan, O Lord, to those suffering men, women and children in harm's way. Drive from them all snares of the enemy. Surround them with your holy angels to preserve them in peace. Provide them with hope and courage, with food, water, medicine. Be present in the midst of their struggles for peace, relieve them of mistrust and hatred of their neighbors. Let your light shine upon them with mercy and love. Amen.

yams. And,
needed for
March/April:
Easter type
baskets.
Thank you.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 13

7:45, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. + Holy Communion
(with procession of Palms)

Maundy Thursday

April 17

7:30 p.m. + Holy Communion

A Watch at the Altar of Repose will take place in the chapel following the 7:30 p.m. service and will continue through 6:00 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is available in the front foyer.

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

3.16

Linda Keclik

3.17

Audrey Poll

Claire Buckley

Stephanie Douglas

3.18

Ben Mears

3.19

Sophia Younger

3.20

Heidi Guthrie

Samuel Belden

3.21

Jessica Lindeen

Kate Chan

3.22

Shan Atkins

Hannah LaBarge

Good Friday

April 18

6:15 a.m. + Stations of the Cross

10:00 a.m. + 'A Walk Through Holy Week'
(a liturgy for children, suitable for all ages)

7:30 p.m. + Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve

April 19

8:00 p.m. + Great Vigil of Easter

Festive Reception will follow

Easter Day

April 20

7:45, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. + Holy Communion
Festive Receptions will follow each service

Anniversaries

3.21

Phyllis & Jim

Stevens
3.22
Sharon & Jim
Bullion

Rest in Peace

3.17
Shepherd Robinson
3.18
Jo Kuffel
Nicholas Johnson
3.19
LaVerne Jones
3.20
Thomas Myers
3.21
Richard Von
Albrecht
3.22
Zoe Blanchard



Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Community Meal

Thursday, March 13 ~ 5:00 p.m.
@ St. Paul United Church of Christ
401 East Main Street, Barrington



Menu: chicken cacciatore, spaghetti with sauce and gluten-free spaghetti, salad, rolls, and desserts.

A registered dietitian from Good Shepherd Hospital, will be speaking about health and wellness.



St. James Cathedral

Lenten Evensong Services
March 9, 16, 23, 30 at 4:00 p.m.
[Read more...](#)



CROSSwalk Summit

A Day of Work Against Gun Violence and its Root Causes



When: Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: St. James Commons

Read more about CROSSwalk [here](#).



New Clothes for Easter



Lydia Home, a Christian multi-service agency who cares for children, is looking for some cash (online) donations so that their kids might be able to shop for some new clothes for Easter Sunday. They ask that donations be submitted by April 11th in order to allow time to shop. Click [here](#) to be directed to their website.

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### **Nuevo Amanecer 2014**

Community ~ Mission ~ Fiesta  
August 25-28, 2014

Kanuga Conference Center and The Episcopal Church's Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries, in partnership with the Latino Ministries Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ECLA), sponsor this biennial event that will offer practical tools and a network of support to better equip for ministry those who work, and those who would like to work within the Latino/Hispanic community. [Read more...](#)

## **Upcoming Events for Your Calendar**

School of Faith ~ On going. See side bar for details.

Wednesdays in Lent ~

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Prayer Service; 6:30pm Dinner; 7:00pm Program

March 14-15, AWSM Women's Retreat, @ The Cenacle

March 25, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 p.m.

March 26, St. Michael's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

April 9, My Bright Abyss, book conversation, 7:00 p.m.

May 4, Confirmation Recognition Sunday, 10:45 a.m. (see 5/18)

May 5, Vestry/Leadership Summit, time tbd

May 10, Flower Sale, youth fund raiser

May 18, Confirmation @ Christ Church  
May 25, Summer Worship Schedule begins, 7:45 & 9:30 a.m.  
June 1, Senior Recognition Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
June 8, Day of Pentecost

Click [here](#) for a complete calendar of events on our website.

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John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson, Clerk  
Marissa Longo, Youth Representative; Sean Tucker, Youth Representative

### ***Clergy and Staff***

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Ulrika (Eva) Baydoun, Assisting; The Rev. James Bullion, Assisting  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon  
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### ***St. Michael's Episcopal Church***

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